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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.  
FOR THE YEAR 1948.



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MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. BARK AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO PRESENT MY ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF YOUR DISTRICT.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (IN ACRES).....	63,717.
POPULATION CENSUS, 1921.....	23,196.
"                "      1931.....	23,544.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1931.	23,780.
"                "                "      1948.	25,400.
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES.....	7,332.
RATEABLE VALUE.....	£97,760.
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE...	£388.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

THE POPULATION IS PARTLY INDUSTRIAL AND PARTLY AGRARIAN, THE MAIN INDUSTRIES BEING COAL MINING, GRANITE QUARRYING AND, TO A SMALL EXTENT, HOSIERY MANUFACTURE. THESE ARE ALL SITUATED IN THE NORTH OF THE DISTRICT.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE.	M.264.	F.229.	TOTAL.	493.
BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE.	M. 14.	F. 15.	TOTAL.	29.
	<u>M.278.</u>	<u>F.244.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>522.</u>

STILLBIRTHS. 16 LEGITIMATE. 0 ILLEGITIMATE.	TOTAL	16.
BIRTH RATE.....		20.5
"                "      FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....		17.9
DEATHS. M. 130. F. 90. TOTAL.....		220.
CRUDE DEATH RATE.....		8.6
DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....		10.8
DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL SEPSIS.....		0.
OTHER PUERPERAL CAUSES.....		0.
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:-		
LEGITIMATE.... 15. ILLEGITIMATE. 2. TOTAL.		17.
INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.....		32.5
"                "                "      FOR ENGLAND & WALES....		34.
DEATHS FROM CANCER (ALL AGES).....		28.



VITAL STATISTICS (CONT)

DEATHS FROM MEASLES. (ALL AGES).....	0.
" " WHOOPING COUGH (ALL AGES).....	0.
" " DIARRHOEA (UNDER 2 YEARS).....	0.

CAUSES OF DEATH. (CIVILIANS ONLY)

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>
ALL CAUSES.....	130.	90.
SCARLET FEVER.....	0.	0.
MEASLES.....	0.	0.
WHOOPING COUGH.....	0.	0.
DIPHTHERIA.....	0.	0.
INFLUENZA.....	1.	0.
POLIOMYELITIS.....	0.	0.
ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.....	0.	0.
CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER.....	0.	0.
RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS.....	3.	2.
OTHER TUBERCULOSIS.....	2.	0.
SYPHILIS.....	1.	0.
CANCER, MALIGNANT DISEASE.....	18.	10.
DIABETES.....	0.	2.
INTRA CRANIAL VASCULAR LESIONS.....	14.	17.
HEART DISEASE.....	38.	21.
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASES.....	8.	7.
BRONCHITIS.....	10.	3.
PNEUMONIA. (ALL FORMS).....	7.	1.
OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES.....	2.	1.
ULCER OF STOMACH OR DUODENUM.....	3.	0.
DIARRHOEA (UNDER 2 YEARS).....	0.	0.
APPENDICITIS AND TYPHLITIS.....	0.	1.
OTHER DIGESTIVE DISEASES.....	0.	3.
ACUTE AND CHRONIC NEPHRITIS.....	4.	4.
CONGENITAL CAUSES.....	3.	4.
PUERPERAL SEPSIS.....	0.	0.
OTHER MATERNAL CAUSES.....	0.	0.
PREMATURE BIRTHS.....	2.	0.
SUICIDE.....	2.	0.
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.....	4.	1.
OTHER DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.....	0.	0.
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....	8.	13.





GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED BY NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE:-

A. 1. FEVER.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITALS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE. PATIENTS ARE SENT TO SUCH HOSPITALS AS HAVE BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISEASE FROM WHICH THEY ARE SUFFERING. THE PRINCIPAL HOSPITAL IS SITUATED IN THIS DISTRICT.

2. SMALL POX.

THERE ARE TWO HOSPITALS PROVIDED FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

B. 1.)

2.) TUBERCULOSIS, MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

ACCOMMODATION IS CONTROLLED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE AND THE MATTER IS DEALT WITH COMPREHENSIVELY IN THE COUNTY REPORT.

THE COUNTY SANATORIUM IS SITUATED AT MARKFIELD IN THIS DISTRICT.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(A) FOR INFECTIOUS CASES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.

(B) FOR NON-INFECTIOUS CASES AND ACCIDENTS.

BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AMBULANCE SERVICE, AN AMBULANCE IS STATIONED AT MARKET BOSWORTH. THE "WOLLASTON" AMBULANCE HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

ALL UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IS A PART TIME OFFICIAL BUT DOES NOT ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, WHO IS ALSO SANITARY SURVEYOR, AND THE TWO ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTORS DEVOTE THE WHOLE OF THEIR TIME TO THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HEALTH VISITORS VISIT CASES IN THIS DISTRICT. THERE ARE DISTRICT NURSES IN ALL THE LARGER PARISHES.

MIDWIVES.

THE SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES IS VESTED IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

CHEMICAL WORK.

ANALYSES OF FOODS AND DRUGS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY ANALYST.

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LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

BYLAWS WITH RESPECT TO NEW BUILDINGS WERE ADOPTED FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT IN 1925.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

(A) THE PIPED WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY. WELL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN IN PART, UNSATISFACTORY IN QUALITY AND INSUFFICIENT IN QUANTITY, IN PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

SHORTAGES HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT AND WATER HAS BEEN CARTED.

(B) PIPED SUPPLIES - RESULTS OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS:-

RAW WATER.				TREATED WATER GOING INTO SUPPLY.			
BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.		BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.	
SATIS-FACTORY.	UNSATIS-FACTORY.	SATIS-FACTORY.	UNSATIS-FACTORY.	SATIS-FACTORY.	UNSATIS-FACTORY.	SATIS-FACTORY.	UNSATIS-FACTORY.
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(C) WATERS LIABLE TO HAVE PLUMBO-SOLVENT ACTION:-

NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

(D) WATER SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS :- LARGER PARISHES ONLY:-

DIRECT TO HOUSES.		BY MEANS OF STANDPIPES.	
NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES.	POPULATION.	NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES.	POPULATION.
4,133.	15,572.	184.	725.

NO. OF PARISHES WITH PIPED WATER SUPPLY:-

(A) FROM PUBLIC MAINS:- 13. (B) FROM PRIVATE RESERVOIRS:- NIL.

NO. OF PARISHES WITHOUT A PIPED SUPPLY OF WATER:- 7.

PARTICULARS OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES:-

ONLY TO NEW HOUSING SITES.

NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PIPED SUPPLY WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR WELL WATER:- 250.

WATER SUPPLIES FROM WELLS:-

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS.			
SATISFACTORY.		UNSATISFACTORY.	
CHEMICAL.	BACTERIOLOGICAL.	CHEMICAL.	BACTERIOLOGICAL.
3.	NIL.	23.	NIL.



No. OF WELLS CLOSED:- 58. No. OF WELLS CLEANSED ETC.,:- 16.

No. OF HOUSES RELYING ON WELL SUPPLIES:- 3,015.

POSTWAR PROPOSALS.

PROGRESS DURING YEAR ON ALL POSTWAR SCHEMES -

THE BARLESTONE, NEWBOLD VERDON, NAILSTONE AND OSBASTONE SCHEME IS STILL IN PROGRESS. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SMALLER VILLAGES OF SUTTON CHENEY, KIRKBY MALLORY AND CARLTON WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A PIPED SUPPLY OF WATER DURING 1949.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. OF CESSPOOLS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR..... 9.

No. OF CESSPOOLS ABOLISHED DURING THE YEAR..... 17.

TOTAL No. IN DISTRICT ON 31ST. DECEMBER 1948.....309.

EXTENSIONS TO SEWERS, NEW WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS DURING YEAR:-

ONLY TO NEW HOUSING SITES. SHORT EXTENSIONS IN BAGWORTH RD., BARLESTONE, IBSTOCK, AND CHURCH ST., MARKET BOSWORTH.

No. OF PARISHES WITH EFFICIENT SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.... 9.

No. OF PARISHES WHERE NEW SCHEMES HAVE BEEN FORMULATED.. 8.

POSTWAR PROPOSALS.

PROGRESS TO DATE OF POSTWAR SCHEMES OF SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL:-

NEWBOLD VERDON SCHEME ABOUT TO COMMENCE.

HIGHAM ON THE HILL SEWERAGE SCHEME CONTRACT ACCEPTED.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

TOTAL No. IN DISTRICT ON 31ST. DECEMBER 1948:-

(1) PRIVIES:- 1. (2) PAIL CLOSETS:- 2,517. (3) W.c's:- 4,054.

No. OF CLOSETS CONVERTED TO THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM DURING THE YEAR:-

(A) PRIVIES:- 1. (B) PAILS:- 580.

No. OF PRIVIES (MIDDENS) CONVERTED TO PAIL CLOSETS DURING YEAR:- NIL.

MEANS FOR THE CLEANSING OF EARTH CLOSETS, PRIVIES, ASHPITS AND CESSPOOLS:-

CLEANSING OF EARTH CLOSETS AND CESSPOOLS NOT UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

ASHPITS (NOW ONLY THOSE REMAINING AT BAGWORTH) ARE EMPTIED AS NECESSARY ALONG WITH ORDINARY HOUSE REFUSE.

CESSPOOLS ARE NOT EMPTIED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WITHOUT PAYMENT.

IN THE CASE OF THE ASHPITS AT BAGWORTH, THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD HAS AGREED TO CONVERT 88 OF THESE DURING 1949.





#### 4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

HOUSE REFUSE IS REMOVED BY DIRECT LABOUR UNDER A CENTRALISED SCAVENGING SCHEME.

NO. AND TYPE OF VEHICLES EMPLOYED:- 4 REFUSE COLLECTORS.  
(2 "KARRIER BANTAM" AND 2 DENNIS REFUSE COLLECTORS)

FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION:- WEEKLY.

NO. OF PARISHES COVERED BY ROUTINE COLLECTION:- 20 (WHOLE DISTRICT.)

#### DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

- (A) NO. OF CONTROLLED TIPS..... 2.  
(B) NO. OF CRUDE TIPS..... 5.  
(C) INCINERATION.....NIL.

#### 5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

TOTAL NO. OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.....171.

TOTAL NO. OF DEFECTS OR NUISANCES DISCOVERED.....119.

#### 6. INSPECTIONS MADE.

	FIRST INSPECTIONS.	REVISITS.
ANIMAL KEEPING.	18.	3.
BAKEHOUSES.	15.	6.
DAIRIES AND COWBHEDS.	213.	67.
DRAINAGE WORKS.	156.	83.
DWELLING HOUSES (ALL PURPOSES)	1,476.	534.
FOOD PREMISES.	39.	21.
OFFENSIVE TRADES.	1.	6.
RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.	149.	121.
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.	47.	28.
SCHOOLS.	4.	5.
SHOPS.	29.	9.
SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION.	188.	25.
TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC.,	19.	11.
VERMINOUS PREMISES AND SCABIES.	3.	2.
WATER SUPPLIES.	256.	137.
FACTORIES.	23.	17.
OTHER INSPECTIONS.	310.	104.
TOTAL.	2,946.	1,179.

#### NOTICES.

PRELIMINARY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
OUTSTANDING ON 1ST. JANUARY.	-	30.
ISSUED DURING YEAR.	-	262.
COMPLIED WITH DURING YEAR.	-	274.
STATUTORY ACTION NECESSARY.	-	38.
OUTSTANDING 31ST. DECEMBER.	-	18.





STATUTORY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
OUTSTANDING ON 1ST. JANUARY.	-	12.
ISSUED DURING YEAR.	-	38.
COMPLIED WITH DURING YEAR.	-	44.
OUTSTANDING 31ST. DECEMBER.	-	6.

SUMMARY ACTION.

No. of SUMMONSES ISSUED.	No. of CONVICTIONS OBTAINED.
NIL.	NIL.

7. SHOPS.

PARTICULARS OF ANY ACTION TAKEN DURING YEAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SHOPS ACT 1934:-

	OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	DEFECTS FOUND.	DEFECTS REMEDIED.	OUTSTANDING 31ST. DEC.
SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	-	13.	12.	1.
TEMPERATURE.	-	-	-	-
VENTILATION.	-	-	-	-

8. CAMPING SITES.

No. of SITES IN AREA USED FOR CAMPING PURPOSES DURING YEAR...NIL,  
 No. of CAMPING SITES FOR WHICH LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED.....NIL,  
 ESTIMATED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CAMPERS RESIDENT IN AREA DURING  
 SUMMER SEASON..... -

9. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.	No. IN DISTRICT.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	ACTION TAKEN.	GENERAL CONDITIONS.
COMMON LODGING HOUSES.	NIL.	-	-	-
TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC.	22.	40.	-	FAIR.
CANAL BOATS.	NIL.	-	-	-
OFFENSIVE TRADES.	1.	6.	-	FAIR.

10. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

PARTICULARS OF ACTION TAKEN:-

No. of COUNCIL HOUSES INFESTED..... 2.  
 No. of OTHER DWELLING HOUSES FOUND INFESTED..... NIL.  
 No. of HOUSES DISINFESTED..... 2.  
 METHODS EMPLOYED FOR DISINFESTATION.... SPRAY D.D.T. SOLUTION.  
 CARRIED OUT BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.... 2. CARRIED OUT BY CONTRACTOR.  
 NIL.  
 NAME OF FUMIGANT AND/OR INSECTICIDE USED..... D.D.T.



METHODS EMPLOYED FOR ENSURING THE TENANTS BELONGINGS ARE FREE FROM VERMIN BEFORE REMOVAL TO COUNCIL HOUSES:-

THE HOUSING MANAGER EXAMINES ALL GOODS AND CHATTELS BEFORE TENANT TAKES POSSESSION OF NEW HOUSE.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE SUPERVISION OR EDUCATION OF TENANTS TO PREVENT INFESTATION OR RE-INFESTATION:-

PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

11. RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

PARTICULARS OF ACTION TAKEN:-

ALL R.D.C. TIPS TREATED BY R.D.C. BAITING CARRIED OUT REGULARLY TO SEWER AND SEWAGE WORKS. OTHER INFESTATIONS - ADVICE GIVEN.

12. SCHOOLS.

No. of SCHOOLS DISINFECTED..... NIL.

13. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. IN AREA:- (A) PUBLICLY OWNED....NIL. (B) PRIVATELY OWNED...3.  
No. of INSPECTIONS..... 8,

14. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. MILK SUPPLY.  
COWKEEPERS.

No. ON REGISTER.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	No. OF CONTRAVENTIONS.			
		OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	FOUND DURING YEAR.	REMEDIED DURING YEAR.	OUTSTANDING ON 31ST. DECEMBER.
391.	242.	4.	21.	19.	6.
<u>DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK (OTHER THAN COWKEEPERS.)</u>					
149.	38.	2.	3.	5.	-

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS.

	OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	FOUND DURING YEAR.	REMEDIED DURING YEAR.	OUTSTANDING ON 31ST. DECEMBER.
CLEANSING.	1.	5.	4.	2.
STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.	4.	16.	18.	2.
UTENSILS.	1.	4.	3.	2.
OTHER.	-	1.	1.	-

MILK SAMPLING.

CLASS.	No. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.	SATIS-FACTORY.	UNSATIS-FACTORY.
"TUBERCULIN TESTED" ) DESIGNATED. "ACCREDITED" ) "PASTEURISED." )	L.C.C.		
ORDINARY.	59.	40.	19.
STERILISED AND HEAT TREATED.	NIL.		

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THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1936 TO 1946.

No. of Licences issued in respect of:-								
"TUBERCULIN TESTED"			"ACCREDITED".			"PASTEURISED"		
BOTT- LING.	DISTRIBUTION. DEALERS.	SUPPLE- MENTARY.	BOTT- LING.	DISTRIBUTION. DEALERS.	SUPPLE- MENTARY.	PASTEUR- ISING PLANTS.	RETAIL DISTRIBUTION. DEALERS.	SUPPLE- MENTARY.
-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.

LICENSED PASTEURISING PLANTS.

MAKE & TYPE. (HOLDER OR H.T.S.T)	CAPACITY. GALLS PER HOUR.	TEMPERATURE CONTROL.	
NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	HAND.
		NIL.	AUTOMATIC.

No. of plants for heating milk not licensed as pasteurising plants:-  
NIL.

No. of authorities issued by Ministry of Food under Regulation 55G:-

(1) HEAT TREATMENT....NIL. (2) STERILISATION....NIL.

ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered:-

(A) MANUFACTURE AND RETAIL..... 3.  
(B) MANUFACTURE ONLY..... -  
(C) RETAIL ONLY..... 3.

No. of samples.....NIL. RESULTS.....NIL.

GENERAL REMARKS:- NIL.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of regional slaughter houses in area.....NIL.

No. of animals slaughtered in DO. ....NIL.

No. of animals examined in DO. ....NIL.

No. of animals slaughtered elsewhere..... 2,731.

No. of animals examined elsewhere..... 197.

No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter..... 136.

No. of knacker yards in area..... NIL.

No. of visits to knackers' yards..... NIL.





CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE EXCLUD- ING COWS.	COWS.	CALVES.	SHEEP & LAMBS.	PIGS.	TOTAL WEIGHT IN LBS.
NO. KILLED (IF KNOWN.	-	-	-	-	2,731.	NOT KNOWN.
NUMBER INSPECTED.	-	-	-	-	197.	DO.
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.</u>						
WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED.					NIL.	
CARCASSES IN WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.					NIL.	
PERCENTAGE OF NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.					NIL.	
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.</u>						
WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED.					3.	460 LBS.
CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.					18.	90 LBS.
PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS.					13.4%	

MEAT STALLS. No. OF INSPECTIONS..... NIL.

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC., No. OF INSPECTIONS..... 16.

PLACES WHERE FOOD, OTHER THAN MEAT IS KEPT OR  
PREPARED FOR SALE. No. OF INSPECTIONS..... 25.

ACTION TAKEN:- VARIOUS TUNNED AND DRIED GOODS INSPECTED AND  
DESTROYED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION -  
TOTAL WEIGHT:- 7 CWTs. 1 QR. 15 LBS.

14. HOUSING.

A. NEW HOUSES.

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES AT END OF YEAR.  
..... 1,750. APPROX.

OBSERVATIONS.

USUALLY, WHEN LISTS OF APPLICANTS ARE CONSIDERED WITH THE  
VARIOUS PARISH COUNCILS, IT IS ASCERTAINED AT LEAST 50%  
OF THE APPLICANTS ARE SATISFACTORILY HOUSES AND MERELY  
REQUIRE A NEW HOUSE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE REAL NEED  
CAN BE ARRIVED AT BY REDUCING THE ABOVE FIGURE BY 2/3RDS.



HOUSES COMPLETED DURING YEAR BY:-	TYPE.		PERMANENT.	AV. COST PER HOUSE.	AV. RENT INC. OR EXCLUSIVE OF RATES.
	PREFABRICATED.	TEMPORARY.			
1. LOCAL AUTHORITY.	99.	8.	49.	£1,150.	12/- P.W. EXCLUSIVE.
2. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.	-	-	37.	£1,300.	£1. P.W. EXCLUSIVE.
HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT END OF YEAR BY:-					
1. LOCAL AUTHORITY.	-	82.	28.	£1,150.	-
2. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.	-	-	33.	£1,400.	-

TOTAL NO. OF POSTWAR HOUSES COMPLETED BY (A) LOCAL AUTHORITY:-  
..... 342. PLUS 137 HUTS.  
(B) PRIVATE ENTERPRISE..... 94.

IN ADDITION, 25 TEMPORARY HUTMENTS PROVIDED DURING YEAR.

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

- (1) (A) TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTED FOR HOUSING DEFECTS (UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH OR HOUSING ACTS)..... 253.  
(B) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE..... 286.
- (2) (A) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES (INCLUDED UNDER SUB-HEAD (1) ABOVE) WHICH WERE INSPECTED AND RECORDED UNDER THE HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS 1925 AND 1932.....NIL.  
(B) NO. OF INSPECTIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE.....NIL.
- (3) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES FOUND TO BE IN A STATE SO DANGEROUS OR INJURIOUS TO HEALTH AS TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION... 1.
- (4) NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES (EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE REFERRED TO UNDER THE PRECEDING SUB-HEAD) FOUND NOT TO BE IN ALL RESPECTS REASONABLY FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION..... 32.

C. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:

NO. OF DEFECTIVE DWELLING HOUSES RENDERED FIT IN CONSEQUENCE OF INFORMAL ACTION BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR THEIR OFFICERS..... 28.

D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

- (A) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9,10, AND 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936:-  
(1) NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH NOTICES WERE SERVED REQUIRING REPAIRS..... NIL.  
(2) NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES WHICH WERE RENDERED FIT AFTER SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-  
(A) BY OWNERS..... NIL.  
(B) BY LOCAL AUTHORITY IN DEFAULT OF OWNERS... NIL.





(B) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS:-

(1) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH  
NOTICES WERE SERVED REQUIRING DEFECTS TO BE REMEDIED.... 38.

(2) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED  
AFTER SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

(A) BY OWNERS..... 28.

(B) BY LOCAL AUTHORITY IN DEFAULT  
OF OWNERS..... -

(C) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936:-

(1) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH  
DEMOLITION ORDERS WERE MADE.....NIL.

(2) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF  
DEMOLITION ORDERS.....NIL.

(D) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936:-

(1) No. OF SEPARATE TENEMENTS OR UNDERGROUND ROOMS IN  
RESPECT OF WHICH CLOSING ORDERS WERE MADE.....NIL.

(2) No. OF SEPARATE TENEMENTS OR UNDERGROUND ROOMS IN  
RESPECT OF WHICH CLOSING ORDERS WERE DETERMINED, THE  
TENEMENT OR ROOM HAVING BEEN RENDERED FIT.....NIL.

E. HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

(A) (1) No. OF DWELLINGS OVERCROWDED AT END OF YEAR..... NOT KNOWN.

(2) No. OF FAMILIES DWELLING THEREIN..... -

(3) No. OF PERSONS DWELLING THEREIN..... -

(B) No. OF NEW CASES OF OVERCROWDING REPORTED DURING YEAR..... 22.

(C) (1) No. OF CASES OF OVERCROWDING RELIEVED DURING YEAR..... 142.

(2) No. OF PERSONS CONCERNED IN SUCH CASES..... 544.

(D) PARTICULARS OF ANY CASES IN WHICH DWELLING HOUSES HAVE AGAIN  
BECOME OVERCROWDED AFTER THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVE TAKEN STEPS  
FOR THE ABATEMENT OF OVERCROWDING:-

IT IS KNOWN THAT 16 CASES HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE YEAR. IT  
IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE HOUSING  
ACT AS REGARDS OVERCROWDING UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS BUT EVERY  
EFFORT IS MADE TO DISCOURAGE THIS.

F. HOUSING SURVEY.

(A) TOTAL No. OF HOUSES SURVEYED.....6,082.

(B) R.V. LIMIT OF HOUSES SURVEYED.....£16.

(C) No. OF HOUSES SURVEYED TO 31ST. DECEMBER 1947.....6,082.

(D) CLASSIFICATION:-

1. 2,462.

2. 2,651.

3. 386.

4. 338.

5. 245.

(E) TOTAL No. OF OCCUPIED HOUSES IN DISTRICT.

7,332.

(F) TOTAL No. OF COUNCIL HOUSES OCCUPIED IN DISTRICT  
(EXCLUDING TEMPORARY HUTMENTS)

783.





15. ANY OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

A SCHEME FOR THE CONVERSION OF PAN CLOSETS TO WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM COMMENCED IN JULY 1948 AND UP TO THE END OF THE YEAR SOME 580 W.C'S HAD BEEN COMPLETED. THE COUNCIL ARE MAKING A GRANT OF £4. PER CONVERSION. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SCHEME, 1,200 HOUSES HAVE BEEN VISITED WITH 1,645 RE-VISITS AND OUT OF THESE 814 HOUSES WERE FOUND TO BE CAPABLE OF CONVERSION TO THE W.C. SYSTEM - OF THESE 580 HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. IN ADDITION, THE INSPECTION OF THE DRAINAGE WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE CONVERSIONS INVOLVED 350 FIRST INSPECTIONS AND 230 RE-VISITS.

16. STAFF.

No. OF STAFF (A) QUALIFIED..... 4.  
 (B) UNQUALIFIED..... 1.  
 (C) CLERICAL..... 2.

STAFF INCREASE OR DECREASE DURING YEAR:-

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR, ADDITIONAL CLERK AND CLERK OF WORKS.

PRESENT STAFF IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR PROPER PERFORMANCE OF ALL DUTIES.

17. FACTORY ACT 1937 AND 1948.

INSPECTIONS.

No. ON REGISTER.....33. No. OF INSPECTIONS.....40.  
 No. OF NOTICES..... 5.

DEFECTS FOUND:-

WANT OF CLEANLINESS..... 2. REMEDIED.....2.  
 REFERRED BY H.M.I.....2.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE, DEFECTIVE...3. REMEDIED....3.  
 NOT SEPARATE FOR SEXES...4 REMEDIED....4.

OUTWORK.

No. OF OUTWORKERS IN AUGUST:-

HOSIERY..... 147.  
 GLOVES..... 14.  
 SHOES..... 2.  
 BRACES..... 1.  
 TOY PLASTIC..... 10.

THERE WERE NO PROSECUTIONS OR NOTICES SERVED.

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IT IS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT, THAT SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE FOUR FOLLOWING RESPECTS:-

1. HOUSING.

IN 1948, 193 NEW HOUSES WERE COMPLETED AND 143 OTHERS WERE IN THE COURSE OF ERECTION. CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULTIES OF BUILDING AT THE PRESENT TIME, THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS VERY GRATIFYING, BUT THERE IS NO GROUND FOR COMPLACENCY IN THIS MATTER FOR MANY MORE NEW DWELLINGS ARE REQUIRED TO OVERCOME THE HOUSING SHORTAGE.

2. WATER.

THE BARLESTONE AND NEWBOLD VERDON WATER SCHEME IS NEARLY COMPLETED. THIS WILL BRING A MUCH NEEDED PIPED SUPPLY OF WATER TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.



### 3. SEWERS.

SEWERS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO THE NEW HOUSING SITES AND EXTENSIONS MADE AT BARLESTONE, IBSTOCK AND MARKET BOSWORTH.

### 4. CONVERSION OF PAIL CLOSETS.

IN MY LAST ANNUAL REPORT, I RECORDED THAT 94 PAIL CLOSETS HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM IN 1947 AND STATED THAT WHILST THIS WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, PROGRESS IN THIS REFORM IS FAR TOO SLOW. IT IS GRATIFYING TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT IN 1948, THERE HAVE BEEN 580 CONVERSIONS. THIS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WATER CLOSETS INEVITABLY MEANS A BIGGER STRAIN ON THE SEWAGE PURIFICATION PLANTS. CONSEQUENTLY SEVERAL OF THE SEWAGE WORKS ARE BECOMING OVERLOADED. CONSIDERATION WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE PLANTS AT GROBY, RATBY AND DESFORD.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DURING THE YEAR 1948, 597 CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE WERE NOTIFIED AS COMPARED WITH 402 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS INCREASE IN NOTIFICATIONS WAS DUE TO MORE CASES OF MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH. IN 1947 THERE WERE 227 CASES OF MEASLES AS COMPARED WITH 329 CASES IN 1948. THERE WERE ALSO 180 CASES OF WHOOPING COUGH AS COMPARED WITH 97 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF CASES OF SCARLET FEVER WAS THE SAME IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. THERE WERE NO CASES OF DIPHTHERIA OR THAT MUCH DREADED DISEASE OF POLIOMYELITIS.

THE FOLLOWING CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE WERE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR:-

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.	TOTAL DEATHS.
DIPHTHERIA.	0.	0.	0.
SCARLET FEVER.	51.	45.	0.
PNEUMONIA.	19.	0.	8.
ERYSIPELAS.	7.	1.	0.
PUERPERAL PYREXIA.	3.	1.	0.
CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.	3.	2.	0.
MEASLES.	329.	0.	0.
WHOOPING COUGH.	180.	0.	0.
UNDULANT FEVER.	2.	1.	0.
TYPHOID.	1.	1.	0.
PARA-TYPHOID.	2.	2.	0.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS WERE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR:-





AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	RESPIR- ATORY.		NON-RESPIR- ATORY.		RESPIR- ATORY.		NON-RESPIR- ATORY.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 AND UNDER 5 YEARS.	-	1.	1.	1.	-	-	-	-
5 AND UNDER 15 YEARS.	2.	-	-	3.	-	-	-	-
15 AND UNDER 45 YEARS.	5.	7.	2.	2.	1.	2.	1.	-
45 AND UNDER 65 YEARS.	1.	1.	-	-	2.	-	1.	-
TOTALS.	8.	9.	3.	6.	3.	2.	2.	-

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925, NOR WAS ANY ACTION NECESSARY UNDER SEC. 62. OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925.

### DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR, THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEME WAS CONTINUED, WHEN 311 CHILDREN WERE IMMUNISED; 303 UNDER FIVE YEARS AND 8 BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS. IN ADDITION 54 CHILDREN WERE PRIVATELY IMMUNISED.

THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR, THIS WORK WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME. I AM INDEBTED TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY FOR THE FIGURES RELATING TO THE SECOND PERIOD GIVEN IN THE TABLE BELOW:-

#### FIRST SIX MONTHS. RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEME.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SCHEME.	AGE AT 31/12/48.	UNDER 1.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5-9	10-14
	I.E. BORN IN YEAR.	1948.	1947.	1946.	1945.	1944.	1943	1938-34.
	PRIMARY IMMUNISATION.	-	218.	59.	13.	10.	9.	2.
	"BOOSTER" DOSE.	-	-	-	-	-	239.	-
COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME.	<u>SECOND SIX MONTHS. COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME.</u>							
	PRIMARY IMMUNISATION.	10.	88.	13.	7.	2.	3.	-
	"BOOSTER" DOSE.	-	-	-	-	10.	50.	1.

### LABORATORY WORK.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WERE EXAMINED AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY. I AM INDEBTED TO THE DIRECTOR, DR. GILLESPIE FOR THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

<u>NATURE OF SPECIMEN.</u>	<u>No. EXAMINED.</u>
THROAT AND NOSE SWABS.	6.
PLEURAL FLUID.	1.
SPUTUM.	16.
FAECES & URINE.	32.
BLOOD.	7.
WATER.	3.
	<u>63.</u>





IN ADDITION TO THESE A NUMBER OF SPECIMENS FROM BOSWORTH  
PARK INFIRMARY AND MARKFIELD SANATORIUM HAVE BEEN EXAMINED,  
BOTH OF THESE INSTITUTIONS BEING IN THE MARKET BOSWORTH  
RURAL DISTRICT.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

ALLAN WARNER, M.D., D.P.H.,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

THE COTTAGE.  
DESFORD.  
LEICESTER.

JULY 1949.

